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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING ENTRY AND RESIDENCE IN WEST
BERLIN BY SOVIET CITIZENS

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT LOOPHOLE PERMITTING SOVIET
CITIZENS TO RETURN TO WEST BERLIN AFTER SHORT STAY IN
EAST BERLIN SHOULD BE CLOSED AS PROPOSED IN PARA. 7 OF
REFTEL. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT IS UNWISE FROM BOTH A
POLITICAL AND A PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW TO HAVE NO
FLEXIBILITY TO EXTEND STAYS OF SOVIET CITIZENS IN CERTAIN
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JUSTIFIED CASES.

2. IN ADDITION TO CHANGE PROPOSED IN PARA. 7 OF REFTEL,
DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT BK/0(67)7 BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE A
MEANS TO EXTEND A VISIT BEYOND THE ORIGINAL 31 DAY LIMIT.
SUCH EXTENSION SHOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY FOR LIMITED PERIOD

IN CASES WHERE THERE IS A DEMONSTRATABLE NEED FOR A LONGER
STAY.
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